



# Enroll for TWIC™ Today

(Transportation Worker Identification Credential)

## Enrollment has Begun

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### ● What is TWIC?

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### ● When and where will I be able to enroll?

TWIC enrollment at the second Port of Houston site has begun.

**Gulf Gate (Chase Bank Building)**

**2900 Woodridge Dr, Suite 314**

**Houston, TX 77087-2504**

**Monday – Friday: 7am – 5pm**

**To schedule an appointment and save time during enrollment, you can still pre-enroll online at <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov> or call 1-866-347-8942.**

### ● What will the enrollment process entail?

During enrollment, applicants will be required to visit the Enrollment Center to:

- provide biographic information
- sign a disclosure form
- provide the necessary identity verification documents
- provide a complete set of fingerprints
- sit for a digital photograph
- pay the enrollment fee

### ● How much will the TWIC cost?

The TWIC will cost \$132.50 and is payable by Credit Card, Money Order or Certified Check. Those who hold either a valid MMD issued after February 3, 2003, MML issued after January 13, 2006, HME issued after May 31, 2005, or a FAST card, may pay a reduced fee of \$105.25. Those applicants choosing to pay the reduced fee must present an MML, MMD, HME, or FAST card at the time of enrollment. If the reduced fee is paid, the TWIC expiration date will be 5 years from the issue date of the supporting MML, MMD, HME, or FAST card.

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*For more information, visit the TWIC Website at*

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## Port of Houston:

# Pre-Enroll for TWIC™ Now! and Save Time!

## TWIC enrollment at the 2nd Port of Houston site has begun!

### ● Who needs a TWIC?

Merchant mariners and individuals who need unescorted access to secure areas of ports, facilities, or vessels regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) will need to obtain a TWIC.

### ● Why should I pre-enroll?

Workers can pre-enroll online at <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov>. Pre-enrollment can accelerate credentialing by allowing workers to provide biographic information and schedule a time to complete the application process in person. This eliminates delays at enrollment centers and reduces total enrollment time for each worker.

### ● How do I pre-enroll?

Visit <http://twicinformation.tsa.dhs.gov> or call 1-866-DHS-TWIC (1-866-347-8942)

### ● What documentation is required for enrollment?

Applicants **must** provide the appropriate documents in order to verify their identity. They must provide one document from list A or two from list B:

#### List A (Any 1 of list below)

- Unexpired U.S. passport
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Card
- Unexpired Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph
- Unexpired foreign passport
- Unexpired FAST (Free and Secure Trade) Card
- Unexpired MMD (Merchant Mariner Document)

#### List B (need two and one must be a government-issued photo ID)

- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560, 561)
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or 570)
- Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States
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  - Must include a State or State agency seal or logo (such as state port authority ID or State University ID)
- Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Voter's registration card
- U.S. military ID card or U.S. retired military ID
- U.S. military dependent's card
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Expired U.S. passport
- Native American tribal document
- U.S. Social Security card
- U.S. Citizen card I-197
- U.S. Military discharge papers DD-214
- Department of Transportation (DOT) medical card
- Civil marriage certificate
- MML (Merchant Mariner License) bearing an official raised seal, or a certified copy

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# Port of Houston: TWIC™ is Here!

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## Working Together to Ensure the Safety of Our Nation's Ports

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### What can disqualify me from getting a TWIC?

**-Criminal:** An individual is wanted for any crime, under indictment for one of the disqualifying offenses, or has been convicted or incarcerated for those disqualifying felonies within prescribed time periods.

**-Immigration:** An individual does not meet the immigration status requirements

**-Security Threat:** An individual is identified as having a connection to terrorist activity.

If an applicant does not meet the qualification standards, then they have the opportunity to participate in the TWIC appeal and waiver process. See [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) for more information.

### What are the Permanent Disqualifying Offenses?

The following offenses are disqualifying if they occurred at any time:

1. Espionage/conspiracy to commit espionage.
2. Sedition/conspiracy to commit sedition.
3. Treason/conspiracy to commit treason.
4. Terrorism.
5. Transportation security incident. (Defined as a security incident resulting in a significant loss of life, environmental damage, transportation system disruption, or economic disruption in a particular area. A work stoppage, or other nonviolent employee-related, resulting from an employer-employee dispute is not a transportation security incident.)
6. Improper transportation of a hazardous material/comparable State law.
7. Explosives: Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, manufacture, purchase, receipt, transfer, shipping, transporting, import, export, storage of, or dealing in an explosive or explosive device.
8. Murder.
9. Bomb threats – making any threat, or maliciously conveying false information knowing the same to be false, concerning the deliverance, placement, or detonation of an explosive or other lethal device in or against a place of public use, a state or government facility, a public transportation system, or an infrastructure facility.
10. RICO (Racketeer influenced and Corrupt Organizations) violation/comparable State law, where an underlying act is one of the crimes listed above.
11. Attempt to commit the crimes in items (1)-(4).
12. Conspiracy or attempt to commit the crimes in items (5)-(10)

### What are the Interim Disqualifying Offenses?

The following are disqualifying if they happened within 7 years of the date of the application or the applicant was released from prison in the last 5 years:

1. Firearms: Unlawful possession, use, sale, manufacture, purchase, distribution, receipt, transfer, shipping, transporting, delivery, import, export of, or dealing in a firearm or other weapon.
2. Extortion.
3. Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud and money laundering where the money laundering is related to a crime listed here (permanent or interim disqualifying offense). This DOES NOT include welfare fraud or passing bad checks.
4. Bribery.
5. Smuggling.
6. Immigration violations.
7. Distribution of, possession with intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance.
8. Arson.
9. Kidnapping or hostage taking.
10. Rape or aggravated sexual abuse.
11. Assault with intent to kill.
12. Robbery.
13. Fraudulent entry into a seaport as described in 18 U.S.C. 1036, or a comparable State law.
14. RICO violations/comparable State law, other than the violations listed in permanent disqualifying offense (10).
15. Conspiracy or attempt to commit interim disqualifying offenses (1) – (14).

Outstanding wants, warrants, and indictments for any of the crimes listed above are disqualifying.